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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(a)

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This is further to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated April 11, 2002, attached herewith.

REMARKS

Applicant submits that one of the inventors for the above-noted application, Minghua Qu, has refused to sign the declaration. Applicant wishes to petition the Commissioner to allow the remaining inventors Scott A. Vanstone, Alfred J. Menezes, and Rene Struik to make application for patent on behalf of themselves and the non-signing inventor. Executed statutory declarations outlining the facts of the case are attached along with the corresponding exhibits. The non-signing inventor's last known address is 5495 Middlebury Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5M 5G7, Canada.

Applicant submits a Power of Attorney document, attached herewith, leaving the signature block of the non-signing inventor blank. According to MPEP 409.03(a) this serves as a document having been executed by all available joint inventors on behalf of the non-signing inventor.

Applicant submits that the application now complies with all the requirements of 37 CFR 1.47(a) and as such that processing of the application continue in due course. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicant respectfully petitions for a five month (5) extension of time for filing a response in connection with the present application and the required fee of \$1960.00 is being filed concurrently herewith, along with the Petition fee of \$130.

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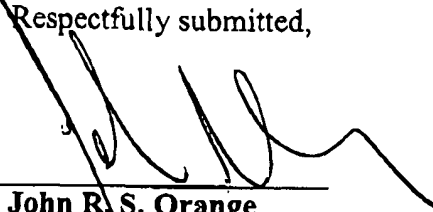
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